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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD AND THE EVELETH CITY COUNCIL

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The Special Meeting of the Fayal Town Board of Supervisors and the Eveleth City Council was called to order at Eveleth City Hall at 4:59 PM. Present from Fayal were: Chairman Tony Tammaro, Supervisors Richard Sather and Patrick Ziegler. Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Coldagelli was present via phone. Present from Eveleth were: Council members John Rauzi, Brian Lillis and Joe Koivunen.

Audience members in attendance were Guy Spurlin and Scott Lesnau.

Fire Department Shared Services- Fayal Town Board Chairman Tony Tammaro brought forward that the need for the meeting between the Town Board and the City Council is in response to a letter drafted by the Fayal Fire Department expressing their desire to disband from the shared services project. Chairman Tammaro brought forward a number of bullet points that are concerns for the Fayal Fire Department.

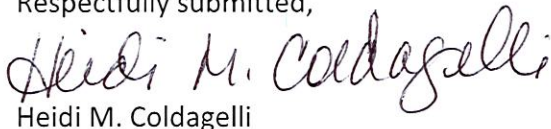
Council member Brian Lillis discussed that the City of Eveleth has been fully committed to moving forward and entered in good faith for both communities. The Eveleth Fire Department has had moments with struggling for staff and nationwide volunteer fire department staffing is hard to attain. Council member Lillis stressed that the project shouldn't be abandoned for bumps in the road. Chairman Tammaro emphasized that the process should be finished as its so close to completion and much time and funds have been invested. Council member Joe Koivunen discussed that the communities of Eveleth, Fayal and Gilbert have a better chance of securing state funding if together. Supervisor Ziegler expressed that he supports the Fayal Fire Department, but agreed much time has been invested in this project and he would like to move forward. Council member Koivunen and Board member Ziegler both previously suffered structure fires and commended the area departments for how well worked together on scene. Supervisor Ziegler added that the opposition to shared services is its not needed due to mutual aid, but it does open up grant opportunities.

Council member John Rauzi's opinion was the fire department letter addressed problems that he was unaware of and that all the problems listed can be fixed. The goal is to provide the best service possible to residents.

Chairman Tammaro apologized to how the Fayal Fire Department letter was shared with the City of Eveleth and supported the need to finish the process, even if consolidation does not occur. Consolidation may occur down the road. Supervisor Sather stressed that issues among the departments need to follow the chain of command and first be brought to the attention of the fire chief and then to the respective council or board members if no action taken. Discussion from those present that the Standard Operating Guidelines and the Joint Powers Agreement should be completed as those tasks have had much work put into them and are near completion. Both communities will have on the agenda for their respective meetings with the recommendation to continue moving forward. Suggestion that a mediator should be utilized again. It may take some time to get back on track and start the process again.

Meeting was adjourned by Council Member Koivunen at 5:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: _____

Chair

Date: _____

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Attest: _____

Clerk